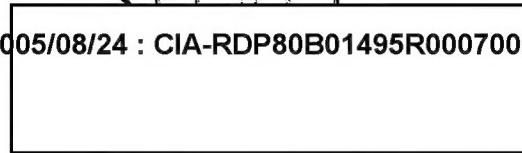


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8 January 1975

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting on 7 January 1975

Mr. Proctor chaired. Substituting were Messrs. Allan and

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1. Mr. Knoche has been detailed for whatever time is necessary to the Office of the DCI where he will be the contact point for executive and congressional investigators. [redacted] will act as Director, OSR, until Mr. Knoche's return. [redacted] will be the Acting Deputy Director.

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3. Mr. Colby will defer any further work on the omnibus NSCID during the period of investigations.

4. The presidential commission will begin its hearings next week when Mr. Colby will brief on the mission and functions of the Agency. Congressional hearings will probably begin around 19 or 20 January. The presidential commission will confine itself to improper domestic activities. The congressional group or groups will presumably have a much broader range of inquiry.

5. Mr. Walsh reported on the special Morning Meeting on Saturday at which the DCI discussed his meeting with the President the previous day. In addition to indicating that he would name a "blue ribbon" panel, President Ford said he would suggest to Congress a special joint legislative committee rather than multiple investigations by the regular committees. Within each Directorate Mr. Colby wants a task force assembled under the Associate Deputy Director, and the Associate Deputy Directors together with the Inspector General are to act as an internal coordinating committee during the investigations. Each Directorate is to compile an index of files relating to American citizens or groups. The Directorates are also to provide Mr. Colby with a statement on their compliance with the August 1973 directive relating to domestic activities.

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6. Mr. Proctor acknowledged the difficulty of deciding what files should be included in any index and pointed to the need for agreed definitions of such terms as index, folder, file, etc. He urged that a thorough job be done in meeting the requirements of the investigations, but hopes that the process can go forward without seriously interfering with our regular duties.

7. Mr. Thuermer cautioned that a few employees have had unauthorized conversations with the press. Mr. Proctor wants all personnel reminded that the rules for press briefings have not changed.

8. Mr. Walsh called for nominations to replace [redacted] who will return to CRS in mid-February. He also asked for nominations for a secretary/clerical to replace [redacted] whose term as a MAGID member expires this month.

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